



ENTERPRISE ZONE COMMISSION

July 8, 2010

The Enterprise Zone Commission of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on July 8, 2010 at 4:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Dina Higgins
Kyle Jones
Dennis Kavanaugh
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Linda Crocker

(Chairman Kavanaugh was excused from the beginning of the meeting.)

1. Take action on selecting a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Enterprise Zone Commission.

Commission Member Smith stated that due to Chairman Kavanaugh's absence, he would turn the meeting over to Vice Chairman Jones.

It was moved by Commission Member Somers, seconded by Commission Member Smith, that the Commission appoint Commission Member Kavanaugh and Commission Member Richins to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Enterprise Zone Commission.

Vice Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Hear a presentation, discuss and authorize the submission of the FY 09/10 Annual Report.

Economic Development Project Manager Patrick Murphy displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) and referred to a map illustrating the location of Mesa's Enterprise Zone. (See Page 2 of Attachment 1) He explained that in January 2010, the City of Mesa applied to renew its Enterprise Zone designation, which was approved by the Arizona Department of Commerce.

Mr. Murphy indicated that the Mesa Enterprise Zone can be used as a tool to attract new businesses to the City; provide Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) leads for those

companies that want to locate within an Enterprise Zone; and assist the City's efforts in revitalizing west Mesa.

Mr. Murphy also spoke concerning the requirements that the City must meet regarding the Mesa Enterprise Zone as follows: 1.) Staff time to administer the Zone; 2.) Conduct at least two meetings annually to discuss the Zone; 3.) Promote the Zone; and 4.) Submit an annual report to the Arizona Department of Commerce.

Mr. Murphy briefly reviewed the benefits to a business located within an Enterprise Zone (See Page 5 of Attachment 1) and various requirements that the business must meet in order to qualify for such benefits. (See Pages 6 and 7 of Attachment 1)

Mr. Murphy also provided a brief synopsis of the City of Mesa Enterprise Zone Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009/10. He stated that there are currently 2,329 businesses located within the Enterprise Zone (205 new businesses) and noted that in the last year, the City has invested more than \$16 million into the Enterprise Zone.

Vice Chairman Jones stated that Chairman Kavanaugh joined the meeting via telephonic equipment at 4:50 p.m.

It was moved by Commission Member Higgins, seconded by Commission Member Finter, that the City of Mesa Enterprise Zone Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Jones thanked Mr. Murphy for the presentation.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Enterprise Zone Commission adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Enterprise Zone Commission meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 8th day of July 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK